

## FUEL SAVING TIPS

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### Fuel Saving Tips

*Courtesy: American Petroleum Institute*

- **Have your car tuned regularly.** An engine tune-up can improve car fuel economy by an average of one mile per gallon.
- **Keep your tires properly inflated.** Underinflated tires can decrease fuel economy up to one mile per gallon.
- **Slow down.** The faster you drive, the more gasoline your car uses. Driving at 65 miles per hour rather than 55 miles per hour reduces fuel economy by about two miles per gallon.
- **Avoid jackrabbit starts.** Abrupt starts require about twice as much gasoline as gradual starts.
- **Pace your driving.** Unnecessary speedups, slowdowns, and stops can decrease fuel economy by up to 2 miles per gallon. Stay alert and drive steadily, not erratically. Keep a reasonable, safe distance from the car ahead of you and anticipate traffic conditions.
- **Use your air conditioner sparingly.** The use of air conditioning can reduce fuel economy by as much as 2 miles per gallon under certain speeds and operating conditions.
- **Avoid lengthy engine idling.** Turn your engine off when you are delayed for more than a couple minutes.
- **Plan your trips carefully.** Combine short trips into one to do all your errands. Avoid traveling during rush hours if possible, to reduce fuel-consumption patterns such as starting and stopping and idling periods. Consider joining a car pool.

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